

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JANUARY 22, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Pastor Todd Bowen with the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Consent agenda - Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the January 8 meeting
2. 5c Accept and place on file the public works quarterly report
3. 5d Accept the committee recommendation to set the gravel bid opening for 2/26/2002 at 9:45 a.m.
4. 5d Accept committee recommendation to set the asphalt overlay bid opening for 2/26/2002 at 10:00 a.m.
5. 5e approve resolution #02-0003 to approve the reclassification of 110th road
6. 7a Approve resolution #02-0004 for withdrawal of collateral with state bank of Cairo for \$300,000.00
7. 7b Approve Resolution #02-0005 for additional collateral for Union Bank & Trust
8. 7c Approve Resolution #02-0006 for new collateral for Home Federal Savings & Loan Association for \$3,755,000.00
9. 7d Approve Resolution #02-0007 for new collateral for Home Federal Savings & Loan Association for \$1,000,000.00
10. 8. Accept and place on file the settlement of the Hall County Treasurer with the Hall County Board
11. 9. Approve Resolution #02-0008 for the sale of surplus property
12. Approve the final plat for J&L Subdivision
13. Accept and place on file the office reports from the Clerk of the District Court, Register of Deeds, Public Defender and Emergency Management
14. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
15. Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OFFICE REPORT

DECEMBER 2001

FEES & INTEREST ON ACT #2-200-4	\$4,510.00
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	1.31

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE REPORT

DECEMBER 2001

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 5,448.63
RECORDING FEES	26,835.50
PHOTO FEES	709.50

#16 Chairperson Lancaster stated that #16 County Assessor's presentation to the county board will be tabled until the next meeting.

2a EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATION STRATEGY REGARDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR JAIL INMATES

2b EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATION STRATEGY REGARDING LEASE OF MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BUILDING TO MID PLAINS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session for matters 2a and 2b. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. executive session

9:35 executive session for Mid Plains completed

9:36 a.m. executive session for ambulance services

10:07 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

4 DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES FOR HALL COUNTY JAIL – Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present and stated he has been working on the request for proposals for the medical services for the Hall County but he needs to have a term for the proposal. Discussion was held and it was suggested that this matter be referred to the correction steering committee for a recommendation. Then they can come back to the board. Logan stated that he is frustrated that this has been such a long process. A meeting will be set up to with the committee.

5a AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ROCKWELL & ASSOCIATES ON PROJECT STPE STPAA 2235(2) - Eriksen questioned if the project costs will be reimbursed for the services from Rockwell and Associates. Jeffries stated that this is an 80/20 match with the state. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the contract. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5b DISCUSSION ON RELINQUISHING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EASEMENT AT CAAP AND THE MAGAZINE AREAS – Hartman requested that this matter be discussed concerning the right-of-way easement at CAAP. Tom Baxter purchased this land and he would like to close a portion of the road. He talked to landholders and they do not have a problem with this. This would be the roads within the magazine area County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that it would have to be determined if this is a section line road and if the road had been opened. If they have not been opened it would not be necessary to take any action. The board requested that Jerry check on the status of the roads and address this again at the next meeting.

6 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENT TO HALL COUNTY

EXTENSION BOARD – The interlocal agreement provides for appointments to the extension board through a nomination panel and they make a recommendation on the appointments. Lancaster questioned what the board wanted to do. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to accept the recommendation from the nomination panel for the appointment of Larry Wilhelmi, Lori Boughton and Mary Stoltenberg to serve another term. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent for the vote.

11 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2002 - The list of committee assignments were provided to the board members. Lancaster stated that on the picnic committee Jim Eriksen would be the chair because it is difficult for Lonnie Logan to be there on Sunday morning.

The Region III Board appointment was left off of the list and Dick Hartman will continue on this board.

The human relations committee will also continue and Lonnie Logan will serve on this committee. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the committee assignments with the additions. The union contracts are all due this year and there will be a core negotiations committee that will keep track of the negotiation process. The duties will be divided up for the final negotiations. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING CAAP REUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS – The appointments to this committee must be approved by a resolution and the committee approved this appointment. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #02-0010 for the CAAP Reuse Committee Members. Hartman questioned if it was necessary to do this because everything has been sold. Lancaster stated that it might be a good idea to have it in place just case there is a need. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13 DISCUSS LONG RANGE PLAN – Lancaster suggested that this be referred to the new committee and the committee should come back with a recommendation on how to move forward. They also can make a recommendation on the new location for the public defender and probation office. Logan stated that they do have several options and they will provide this information.

14 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROCEEDING WITH JAIL STUDY – Lancaster stated that she would like a legal opinion from County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz on whether the county can do the lease purchase or private financing and or operation. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to direct County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz provide a legal opinion on the private financing and private operation of a jail in Hall County. Hartman stated he does not support the lease purchase or the private financing because this takes the vote away from the people. Logan stated that he appreciates the distinction in the motion regarding the financing and the other options. Eriksen stated that the board needs to know all of the options and they are not favoring one over the other at this time. Arnold stated the board needs to know if this is legal. Logan questioned how this came up and Lancaster stated that in a discussion with County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz she asked him if he felt comfortable with what the board is doing and ask if he would provide the board with a legal opinion. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the various jail projects that are going on in Nebraska. Jeffries stated that in Hays Springs, Nebraska they attempted to build a jail with private funding and it was not approved. There is also an agency in Colorado that assists governmental agencies with the building of correctional facilities. Once the board has the opinion from Jerry, the board may benefit from their information. Arnold suggested that this information be sent to the corrections steering committee to obtain information on the group. Logan suggested that the long-range planning committee should look at this. Arnold agreed that the long-range planning committee should look at this. Dave Arnold stated that there is a three-day seminar in Kearney that Hall County will be attending and there should be some good information. The board ask Dave Arnold to talk to Dawson County people if they are there.

Held Board of Equalization meeting 10:35 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

17 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PIPING PLOVER CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION – Eriksen stated that the board approved a resolution to delay action on this until the economic analysis from the federal government was received. The public then has 45 days to respond. This morning he has another resolution protesting the designation of the critical habitat and requesting to extend the public comment period for another 30 days. The last paragraph of the resolution does outline some of the concerns that the county board has. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #02-0009 and forward it to the Fish and Wildlife Commission and to the congressional representatives. Hartman questioned why the county doesn't just come out against this. Buffalo and Dawson County have approved resolutions to oppose this. He recommended that we do not approve this resolution and come back in two weeks with a resolution to oppose it. Eriksen withdrew his motion and Arnold withdrew his second. Discussion was held on changing the resolution. Hartman made a motion and Eriksen seconded to change the Resolution #02-0009 and oppose the designation of the critical habitat and to extend the comment period an additional 30

days. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and Logan and Jeffries voted no. Motion carried

18 APPOINTMENT OF HALL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE – The county board needs to appoint people to the planning committee, then it will be the committee's responsibility to proceed with the organization of the district health department. The Hall County Health Board submitted a letter recommending that Tammy Slater and Ronald Schwieger be appointed to the planning committee. Jeffries stated that he would like to appoint Jim Reed as a citizen from the community. Discussion was held. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to add Jim Reed to be included on the list of citizens. The list would be Tammy Slater, Ronald Schwieger and Jim Reed. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the number of representatives that each county will have. Eriksen stated it was to be one supervisor and 2 citizens and all counties were to have equal representation. Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to appoint Jim Eriksen as the county board representative and Jim Reed and Ron "Dutch" Schwieger as the two citizen representatives. Arnold, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Jim Eriksen abstained.

10 EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS - Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for the performance evaluation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

10:57 a.m. executive session performance evaluation

10:59 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to refer the valuation to the personal committee to meet with the employee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

19 AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the monthly claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay, but to deny claim #02010371 as per recommendation of the correction director. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent for the vote. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board assistant Stacey Ruzicka requested that the board members have the evaluations back to her by January 31st. She reminded the board members that there is an audit committee meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and the county board workshop will be February 6. She also reminded them of the Economic Development annual noon meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS – Hartman – He attended a Meeting at Mid Plains Center last night. Mid Nebraska Individual Services wants to add on the their present building located at Carlton Drive. They were considering a one million-dollar expansion. This would add nine new production people to the warehouse, so this would help pay for

the expansion. Some of the board members expressed concerns on the economy and the state funding, but they are going to proceed with the bidding process.

Humiston – He attended the Economic Development meeting. He also attended the Family Violence Coalition meeting and they are reorganizing.

Eriksen – He attended the safety committee meeting and Jason Clancy, loss manager for NIRMA has scheduled safety-training meeting for county officials for February 5th. He will be conducting a security audit of several buildings. He attended a health board meeting and included in the board's packet is a letter from Dr. Mark Jorgensen concerning the renovations for the attorney building. Discussion was held and it was suggested that this matter be referred to the long-range planning committee and they can come back with a recommendation. He also stated that a public hearing would be held at College Park concerning the critical habitat for the piping plover. Tom Osborne will be at the public hearing and Eriksen stated that he would like to have representation at the hearing.

Logan – He attended the safety committee meeting, the ADA meeting and the Mid Plains contract negotiations meeting.

Jeffries – no report

Arnold – He attended the ADA meeting, and a meeting at Stuhr Museum. The Stuhr Museum board asked what they could do to improve communications with the County Board. Discussion was held and it was suggested that the agenda, minutes and other reports could be provided to the board members. The Stuhr Foundation board has been meeting with small groups on their ideas.

Lancaster – She attended the computer committee meeting and the Senior Citizens meeting. Lancaster stated that the new position for the county surveyor's job is determined by state statute along with the duties of the highway superintendent. The filing information can be obtained from the election commissioner and Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka can provide information on the state statute.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and County Clerk Marla Conley stated that she will need to use the signature plate from the previous board chairman for the payroll and vendor check until a new plate is received.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be February 12, 2002.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

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